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REMARKS

The present filing is responsive to the Examiner's concerns noted in the Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-9, 24-34 and 42, and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 41.

Summary of the Response

Claim 35 has have been amended. Claim 41 has been canceled. Claims 10-23 and 36 have been previously canceled. Claims 1-9 and 24-35 and 37-40 and 42 remain pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application as amended are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 35-40 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakamoto et al., US Patent No. 6,853,421. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant does not agree with the basis of this rejection, in the interest of forwarding this case to earlier allowance without further delays, Applicant amended independent claim 35 to include the subject matter of claim 41, which has been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims pending in this application are patentable over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Such action at an early date is earnestly solicited. **The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative to discuss any outstanding issues that may not have been adequately addressed in this response.**

Respectfully submitted,



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